

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

It is obvious to me and many others that the public is not now being offered a wide range of independent views on matters that affect us. Further loosening of ownership limits of local media will make this situation even worse. Less locally owned media will insure that less local voices and opinions and viewpoints will be heard, only corporate and centralized ideas. This is no way to promote citizen participation and true democracy .